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1. ALTHOUGH GOB HAS NOT RAISED MATTER, WE EXPECT FONMIN GUTIERREZ WILL WISH TO SEE SECRETARY DURING OASGA. IN ADDITION TO PAYING HIS RESPECTS, THERE ARE TWO POINTS THE MINISTER MAY WELL WISH TO DISCUSS. THESE ARE:

A. PRESIDENTIAL VISIT -- AS DEPARTMENT AWARE PRESIDENT BANZER STRONGLY DESIRES INVITATION TO VISIT U. S., AND THE FONMIN, WHO SUPPORTS BANZER WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN THIS, CAN BE EXPECTED TO RAISE THE QUESTION WITH THE SECRETARY. BANZER AND GUTIERREZ HAVE BEEN INFORMED BOTH BY US AND BY AMBASSADOR VALENCIA (BASED ON HIS INTERVIEW WITH FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY MEYER) THAT A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT IS VIEWED FAVORABLY BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THAT THE DECISION IS NOW UP TO THE WHITE HOUSE DEPENDING UPON THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE.

B. TIN SALES -- IF PRESS REPORTS AND RUMORS OF ALLEGED GSA INTENTION TO SELL STOCKPILE TIN CONTINUE, GUTIERREZ MAY WISH TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH THE SECRETARY AND ARGUE THAT SUCH TIN SALES WOULD BE SERIOUSLY DAMAGING TO THE BOLIVIAN ECONOMY. IN URGING THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S 1971 DECISION NOT TO SELL TIN BE
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MAINTAINED, GUTIERREZ WILL PRESUMABLY POINT TO THE CLOSE TIES
BETWEEN THE USG AND THE BANZER GOVERNMENT, AND POSSIBLY EVEN
MENTION AS EVIDENCE OF THIS THE RECENT GOB DECISION, MADE AFTER
OUR REPRESENTATIONS, THAT GUTIERREZ NOT GO TO THE U. N. SECURITY
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2. WE HOPE THAT THE SECRETARY CAN RECEIVE THE FOREIGN MINISTER,
EVEN IF IT IS ONLY A REQUEST FOR A COURTESY CALL. WE HAVE NO
SUGGESTIONS FOR SUBJECTS THAT THE SECRETARY MIGHT RAISE WITH THE
MINISTER.
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